

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
CENTRAL DIVISION**

**ANGELA MANNS**

**PLAINTIFF**

**v.**

**4:07CV00758-WRW**

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
MEDICAL CENTER, et al.**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ORDER**

Pending are Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel (Doc. No. 8) and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (Doc. No. 7).

A September 7, 2007 Order directed Plaintiff to seek counsel on her own before requesting appointment by the Court.<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff has now submitted a follow-up brief listing the counsel she contacted, and asks again for appointment of counsel. In the renewed motion Plaintiff asserts that she is "willing to pay reasonable costs for [her] legal representation."<sup>2</sup> I also note that Plaintiff paid the \$350 filing fee.

A court is permitted to appoint counsel "to represent any person unable to afford counsel" under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). Since it appears that Plaintiff *is* able to afford counsel, the Motion to Appoint Counsel (Doc. No. 8) is DENIED. Plaintiff may proceed *pro se* or hire a lawyer on her own.

Plaintiff -- or her lawyer, if she retains one -- is directed to respond to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, filed on September 28, 2007, by 5 p.m., Thursday, December 20, 2007.

Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (Doc. No. 7) is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 28th day of November, 2007.

/s/ Wm. R. Wilson, Jr.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup>Doc. No. 3.

<sup>2</sup>Doc. No. 8.